



## **RULE ON FIREWOOD MOVEMENT**

### **WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

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The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has developed a permanent rule prohibiting visitors from bringing firewood into Wisconsin State Parks and onto other state-managed lands, from locations farther than 50 miles away or from sources outside of the state.

Firewood can harbor many different kinds of invasive pests and diseases harmful to trees. Oak wilt can survive and spread on pieces of oak that have tight bark. The emerald ash borer and beech bark disease are in states near Wisconsin and could be introduced to Wisconsin through infested firewood. For this reason, Wisconsin enacted an emergency firewood rule which went into effect April 1, 2006.

Campers from outside Wisconsin are not allowed to bring firewood with them. If you bring firewood onto Wisconsin state lands, the firewood must have been purchased in Wisconsin. Have a receipt to show proof of purchase.

#### *Rule NR 45.04(1)(g)*

*On department lands, no person may possess firewood that originates from **greater than 50 miles from the campground** on that property where the wood would be used, or the property itself if there is no campground, or **from outside the borders of the state of Wisconsin**. Firewood from sources approved by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is allowable. Firewood includes all wood, processed or unprocessed, meant for use in a campfire.*